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 TOPIC Soviet Troops in St Peelten, Mauer Oehling and Urfahr

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- On 6 May 1955, three sedans, one of which was  with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiesstattring in St Peelten (O 49/W 88). An undetermined number of soldiers was observed practicing with a 37-mm AA gun in front of the garage west of the former Kreisgericht (district court) in which another two 37-mm AA guns and four trucks were observed through the open doors. Soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, some with engineer insignia, were observed at the Eugen Kaserne. About 60 soldiers were observed at a parade practice in the area of the Rainer Kaserne where 52 trucks were counted in the garages, the doors of which were open. Identity plates were fitted to the front bumpers of some of these trucks, while numbers were spray-painted with stencils on the rear walls of others. Another 16 trucks,  25X1  
 3 tank trucks and 2 jeeps were parked in the area of the installation. Besides individual soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, long-wire antennas and piles of telephone poles were observed in the area of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Motor vehicles, observed at the gate of the installation, 25X1  
included trucks  jeeps  25X1  
and an ambulance  all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 25X1  
also a truck  a van-like weapon carrier  and a van-like motor 25X1  
vehicle  all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Five trucks and 3 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the open in the area of Camp Spratzern. Motor vehicles observed entering or leaving the camp included jeeps   
 all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

- On 5 May 1955, 34 counted and another estimated 18 trucks were parked in the area of the former Landesheilanstalt (district mental hospital) in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). About 10 of these vehicles were equipped  25X1  
 A lieutenant colonel and 25X1  
3 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets, a major wearing black-bordered black epaulets, sedan  25X1  
with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, occupied by a lieutenant colonel who also wore black-bordered red epaulets; truck  with a driver wearing 25X1  
black-bordered red epaulets, and jeep  with a driver wearing black- 25X1  
bordered red epaulets, occupied by an officer who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the installation. About 60 soldiers, some wearing camouflage uniforms received infantry field training and practiced with entrenching tools in the training area northeast of the installation.

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3. On 3 May 1955, 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the Anhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr (N 49/V 88). An undetermined number of soldiers, some carrying manuals and exercise books, were observed walking between the billets. The radiators of 18 motor vehicles were observed under shedroofs in front of which an SU-76 SP gun, 4 trucks and 3 van-like motor vehicles were parked. About 15 soldiers worked on these motor vehicles. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the installation included trucks [REDACTED] and jeep [REDACTED] and weapon carrier [REDACTED] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. In the morning, firing and combat noise was heard from the training ground west of the installation. At about noon, a detachment of 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 24 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, all equipped with model SKS rifles, and a lieutenant colonel and 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets returned to the installation.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The present report confirms that no units have been transferred as yet from the stations of St Peelten, Mauer Gehling and Urfahr.

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